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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 541

S E C R E T BAGHDAD 507

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF USINT EMPLOYEE

REF: BAGHDAD 494 AND PREVIOUS

1. USINT EMPLOYEE ABBAS SOUSA RELEASED AT NOON SEPT 21. FOLLOWING TRANSFER FROM KARRADA STATION ON SEPT 18, HE SPENT THREE DAYS AT UNKNOWN PLACE WHERE HE WAS KEPT AWAKE, BLINDFOLDED AND BEATEN, DEPRIVED OF WATER, AND QUESTIONED ABOUT USINT OPERATIONS. HE HAS LOST CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT AND IS STILL IN HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE. I HAVE NOT THEREFORE YET QUESTIONED HIM CLOSELY.

2. SECRET POLICE WARNED ABBAS NOT TO TALK OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND TO SAY HE ARRESTED BECAUSE OF IRREGULARITIES IN HIS NATIONALITY PAPERS. HE WAS ALSO TOLD TO RETURN TO WORK AND ACT NORMALLY. IF HE DID NOT FOLLOW THESE ORDERS, THEY THREATENED TO KILL HIM AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

3. SINCE SECRET POLICE ARE LAW UNTO THEMSELVES THEY ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THESE THREATS. I AM THEREFORE STRICTLY OBSERVING ABOVE FICTIONS. I HAVE TOLD NO ONE, INCLUDING BELGIAN AMBASSADOR, TRUTH OF ABBAS' ORDEAL. FOR SAFETY OF ABBAS' FAMILY IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE NO RPT NO MENTION OF TORTURE OR QUESTIONING TO IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION.

4. FURTHER DETAILS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY SEPTTEL.
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